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**Midwifery Advisory Council**

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MINUTES**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Midwifery Advisory Council of the Medical Board of California - Division of Licensing was called to order by Chair Faith Gibson at 11:08 a.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed to all interested parties.

Members Present:

Faith Gibson, LM, Chair
Ruth Haskins, MD, Vice Chair
Karen Ehrlich, LM
Carrie Sparrevohn, LM

Staff Present:

Billie Baldo, MST, Administrative Assistant, Licensing Program
Stacie Berumen, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Kathi Burns, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Diane Ingram, Manager, Information Systems Branch
Scott Johnson, Business Services Assistant, Business Services Office
Mike McCormick, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Licensing Program
Camille McGee, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Diversion Program
Gary Qualset, Chief, Licensing Program
Pam Thomas, Analyst, Licensing Program

Members of the Audience:

Bruce Ackerman, Midwives Alliance of North American (MANA)
Claudia Breglia, California Association of Midwives (CAM)
Edana Hall, LM
Diane Holzer, MANA/CAM
Lucinda Johnston-Chiszar, Californians Advocating Licensed Midwifery (CALM)
Chinwe Lucy Marchie, LM, Nigeria
Alison E. Price, LM
Robin Strong, Analyst, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

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Agenda Item 2 - Midwife Annual Report Coding System (Business and Professions Code Section 2516)

Medical Board employees of the Division of Licensing and Ms. Robyn Strong, OSHPD representative, were introduced by Gary Qualset, Chief of Licensing. Mr. Qualset stated this MAC meeting would proceed in the style of a workshop and include input from all interested parties. The group would focus on developing a coding system as required in Business & Professions (B&P) Code section 2516 to gather data from licensed midwives regarding their services when the intended place of birth at the onset of care is an out-of-hospital setting. Attachments were referenced in the agenda packet for the public and task force to work from.

The following comments were made as discussion ensued prior to work beginning on modifying the draft reporting document.

Lucinda Johnston-Chiszar, CALM, commented on the amount of work it would take for midwives to gather and transfer data as specified by law.

Claudia Breglia, CAM, expressed interest in working with the draft form created by Ms. Gibson. Ms. Gibson stated the form was developed from four different sources and condensed into the provided document.

Bruce Ackerman, Research Division, MANA, stated 60 California midwives are currently involved with web-based data collection and registration. He indicated that MANA currently has a report form for midwives that could be enhanced to include a section that incorporates the reporting requirements for California licensed midwives. He inquired about the potential for multiple outcomes for a midwife/patient and how it might best be captured or reported as a data element.

Diane Holzer, President of MANA and CAM member, indicated she preferred to work with the CAM form as opposed to the draft form created by Ms. Gibson.

Mr. Qualset expressed concern about including definitions on the form and clarified the Board will create the form itself in consultation with MAC and OSHPD and that today the group should focus on identifying the necessary codes for data collection.

Ms. Strong stated free text should not be included or encouraged as it can hinder the collection of reliable data.

Both Ms. Strong and Mr. Ackerman indicated 3rd party data providers may be available to assist midwives in reporting data using OSHPD's required format, when that time comes.

Dr. Haskins inquired about the time frames mandated by B&P Code section 2516. Ms. Strong explained that the names of midwives who reported data would be provided to the Board by March 31, 2008, with aggregate data subsequently supplied by June 30, 2008. The Board is required to finalize

and incorporate the aggregate data into the Board's Annual Report to the Legislature later in calendar year 2008. Mr. Qualset noted the law requires collection of this data by midwives for the 2007 calendar year.

International Classification of Diseases codes, 9th revision (ICD 9) were mentioned as a possible reference. Ms. Sparrevohn stated ICD 9 codes would be overly burdensome for midwives as midwives do not regularly bill or work with these codes. Dr. Haskins echoed this sentiment and felt it would be better to create a reasonable list for the first couple of years and then modify if necessary; instead of overwhelming midwives with a cumbersome reporting process. Ms. Ehrlich raised the possibility of soliciting feedback from midwives for future revisions.

Discussion ensued over the multiple categories, listings, and issues to be resolved and captured into the master draft document. Various items were debated, moved, amended, and deleted on the form when deemed necessary by the workgroup to effectively and accurately capture data as required by statute.

It was M/S/C (Ehrlich/Sparrevohn) to ask the Division of Licensing to do whatever necessary to incorporate the final compilation of codes and categories into a form for collecting midwife data.

The draft with amendments from this meeting will be brought back for final review, comment, and completion at the June 12, 2007, MAC meeting.

Agenda Item 3 - Schedule of Future Meetings

The MAC discussed its upcoming schedule of meetings and opted to reschedule the May 24, 2007 meeting to June 12, 2007.

It was M/S/C (Sparrevohn/Gibson) to hold the next MAC meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 - Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Ehrlich requested to include into the public comment record an e-mail she had received from Genie DeKruyf, LM. A copy is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

Ms. Ehrlich asked if the Board was consulting with the MAC as the prescription issue may affect all licensed midwives in similar work environments. She was aware of another licensed midwife working in Northern California under similar circumstances. Ms. Ehrlich felt Ms. DeKruyf's letter needed to be discussed in the general proceedings of MAC and would like the issue on the MAC agenda at some point in time. Further, she stated she didn't know what might be required to address this issue but wondered if legislation or discussion with the Board's Midwifery Committee and the Division of Licensing might be a possible start.

Dr. Haskins expressed her concern and cautioned the MAC members about bringing up a potential scope of practice topic during this calendar year as the timing may not be right.

CAM representatives thanked the MAC for their hard work on this project.

Agenda Item 5 - Adjournment

The MAC meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.